

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUDGET OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU FOR 2014-2015

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

✓ State's economic growth expected to exceed five per cent during 2013-2014. The power situation has already improved significantly in the State and industrial growth is showing recovery.

✓ With the proposed investment of Rs.42,185 crore under Plan schemes during 2014-2015, Plan Expenditure will cross Rs.1.07 lakh crore as against the overall 12th Plan target of Rs.2.11 lakh crore.

POVERTY REDUCTION

✓ Out of 385 blocks, 120 blocks involving 4,170 Village Panchayats have been covered under the Pudhu Vaazhvu Project, implemented with the financial support of the World Bank. The remaining 265 blocks, involving 8,354 Village Panchayats are being covered under the TNSRLM in a phased manner.

✓ A sum of Rs.253.92 crore has been allocated for the year 2014-2015 under TNSRLM. Further, an allocation of Rs.49.05 crore has been made for the Pudhu Vaazhvu Scheme.

✓ The validation of all the BPL families is underway in order to arrive at a fresh list, by collating the data collected through the Socio-Economic Caste Census, Urban Statistics for Human Resources and Assessment (USHA) and with the survey data obtained under the Rajiv Awaas Yojana.

✓ A sum of Rs.200 crore has been provided under TNULM 62 shelters will be built for homeless destitute persons in urban areas and 45 existing shelters will be upgraded through the TNULM.

LAW AND ORDER

✓ The allocation for the Police Department has been substantially stepped up from

Rs.3,184.47 crore in 2010-2011 to Rs.5,186.20 crore in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015.

✓ A sum of Rs.571.67 crore has been provided for the construction of buildings for Police Stations, residential quarters and other offices.

✓ A sum of Rs.130.85 crore has been allocated for the Modernisation of Police Force Scheme.

✓ Since this Government took over, 24,503 posts of Police Personnel have been newly created. As committed, 10,099 persons were selected for the newly created Tamil Nadu Special Police Youth Brigade.

✓ This Government has sanctioned six new Police Stations, upgraded 117 Police Stations and created 44 Traffic Police Stations and two new Sub Divisions.

✓ This Government has sanctioned 32 new Armed Reserve Platoons for 15 Districts and one Armed Reserve Company, for which 2,109 Police Personnel will be added to the existing strength, in a phased manner.

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

✓ Rs. 189.65 crore has been set apart for the Fire and Rescue Services Department.

PRISONS

✓ This Government proposes to upgrade the existing production units and also add new production units in suitable trades within the prison premises at a cost of five crore rupees during 2014-2015.

✓ Rs.194.66 crore has been allocated for the Prison Department.

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

✓ Under the Thirteenth Finance Commission grants, Rs.57.33 crore has been allocated for improving the justice delivery system for the years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

✓ A sum of Rs.783.02 crore has been allocated for judicial administration.

ROAD SAFETY

✓ Road safety campaigns will be intensified and in 2014-2015, the present allocation for such campaigns at District level will be doubled.

✓ An allocation of Rs.65 crore will be made for the Road Safety Fund during 2014-2015. In addition to this, a special project to attend to the black spots with proper civil engineering works in highly accident prone spots, will be taken up by the Highways Department at a cost of Rs.300 crore. Rs.150 crore will be provided in the year 2014-2015 towards this project.

This allocation of Rs.215 crore towards road safety will be the highest ever funding by any State in a single year.

GOVERNANCE

✓ 2,000 additional CSCs will be opened during 2014-2015 under PPP mode. This Government will ensure that Common Service Centres are established in all the villages in the State either through PACBs or through the village panchayats.

✓ In the urban areas, the Hon'ble Chief Minister will soon launch the scheme for opening Urban Common Service Centres at 10 places in Chennai City, to provide a common platform to facilitate the remittance of various taxes and user charges like property tax, electricity charges, sewage charges and water charges. These Centres will also provide other public and e-services. This will be gradually increased to 200 Centres in Chennai City, besides extending such facilities to other Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats.

TAMIL DEVELOPMENT

✓ Rs.6.55 crore is being allocated for this University. Rs.39.29 crore has been provided for Tamil Development.

REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

✓ This Government has decided to sanction a relief package of Rs.681 crore to tackle the drinking water shortage and the fodder shortage effectively. A sum of Rs.189 crore will be provided under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and Rs.492 crore will be used from the funds available with local bodies and also from the on-going schemes.

✓ The Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction Project at an estimated cost of Rs.1,481 crore has been launched. A sum of Rs.106.29 crore has been provided for this project.

✓ Various sections of the District Collectorates across the State will be computerised during the year 2014-2015 so as to make public service delivery more effective.

✓ Laptop computers for the remaining 4,827 Village Administrative Officers and 300 Firka Surveyors will be provided in the coming financial year. A new online Land Records Management System will also be launched.

✓ A new Sub Division will be created with its headquarters at Udhagamandalam.

AGRICULTURE

✓ Various sub-projects will be taken up under the National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP), at a cost of Rs.323 crore during 2014-2015.

✓ The System of Rice Intensification (SRI) will be further implemented in 3 lakh acres during 2014-2015.

✓ The Sustainable Sugarcane Initiative (SSI) will be further extended to 12,500 acres

✓ The area under transplanted Tur (Red gram) reached 97,813 acres and this will be further extended to 1.3 lakh acres

✓ Precision farming will be further extended to 11,000 acres

✓ During 2014-2015, it is proposed to cover 1.30 lakh acres with an outlay of Rs.400 crore dovetailed from various schemes.

✓ An amount of Rs.100 crore will be set apart for further promoting farm mechanization.

✓ NHM will be implemented with an outlay of Rs.115 crore in 22 Districts. In the remaining Districts, a similar scheme will be implemented for the promotion of horticultural crops under NADP.

✓ Rs.242.54 crore has been provided for crop insurance.

✓ An ambitious Tamil Nadu Cotton Cultivation Mission will be launched in the State with an initial outlay of Rs.50 crore. Funds under the Cotton Technology Mission of the Government of India will also be dovetailed with

the State Mission. It is proposed to bring at least 3.70 lakh acres under cotton crop by 2014-2015, and ultimately increase it to cover 6 lakh acres in the next five years through this Mission.

✓ During 2014-2015, the crop loan target for Co-operatives will be enhanced to an unprecedented level of Rs.5,000 crore.

✓ An amount of Rs.200 crore has been provided as interest subvention in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

✓ 12,000 more beneficiaries will be given milch cows free of cost with an outlay of Rs.43.65 crore.

✓ 1.5 lakh more beneficiaries will be given sheep or goats free of cost and Rs.198.25 crore have been allocated in this Budget

✓ 100 veterinary sub-centres will be upgraded to Veterinary Dispensaries particularly in backward districts and 227 new buildings will be constructed at a cost of Rs.80.05 crore with NABARD assistance.

✓ The State Fodder Development Scheme will be continued in the next financial year also and a sum of Rs.25 crore has been allocated in this Budget for fodder development.

✓ During 2014-2015 also, Rs.25 crore will be allotted to continue the scheme for poultry development

✓ The Cattle Insurance Scheme will be extended to cover all the Districts in the State in the coming year, with State funding of Rs.12 crore.

✓ During 2014-2015, a sum of Rs.25 crore is being earmarked to upgrade the capacity of various dairies with NABARD assistance and NADP.

✓ A sum of Rs.70.67 crore has been allocated for the Dairy Sector in this Budget.

FISHERIES

✓ Rs.47.25 crore has been provided in this Budget for relief assistance given to fishermen families during the lean months

✓ Rs.105 crore has been provided for relief during the fishing ban period.

✓ Subsidized diesel and kerosene to fishermen with an expenditure of Rs.184.72 crore

✓ The scheme for assisting fishermen to modernise their fishing vessels to make them suitable for deep sea tuna fishing will be continued with a subsidy outlay of Rs.5 crore.

✓ Upgradation of the Fishing Harbour at Mallipattinam in Thanjavur District will be taken up at a cost of Rs.60 crore.

✓ Bar mouth in the Thamirabarani river at Punnakayal in Thoothukudi District will be stabilised at a cost of Rs.18 crore.

✓ The Fishing Harbour upgradation at Rameshwaram will be taken up, for which a Detailed Project Report is under preparation.

PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

✓ The allocation for food subsidy has been further enhanced to Rs.5,300 crore.

✓ This Government will open 100 more Amma Marundagam shops under Co-operatives along with the existing 210 medical shops run by them to ensure the sale of medicines at reasonable prices to the public. A sum of Rs.20 crore will be used from the Price Stabilisation Fund for this purpose.

✓ Nine rice mills will be modernised at a cost of Rs.36 crore.

IRRIGATION

✓ Rs.329.65 crore has been allocated in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015 for the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project

✓ Rs.100 crore has been earmarked for irrigation related works under NABARD-RIDF

✓ 160 works are proposed to be taken up for restoration of traditional water bodies and Rs.86.28 crore has been allocated

✓ Rs.489.49 crore has been allocated in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015 for the IAMWARM project.

✓ Rs.119.98 crore has been allocated to continue the implementation of the intra State river linkage projects.

✓ Rs.3,669.79 crore has been allocated for the Irrigation Sector.

ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST

✓ Rs.119 crore has been allocated for The Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project

✓ Activities taken up under the Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project phase II will be implemented at a cost of Rs.28.25 crore.

✓ Rs.100 crore will be allocated for the Environment Protection and Renewable Energy Fund. After meeting the balance requirement of Rs.30 crore for the Chetpet Lake restoration, the remaining funds will be used to restore lake, water bodies and for other works in Chennai and other Cities.

✓ As part of the restoration of the rivers in Chennai, work on the plugging of 179 sewage outfalls out of the identified 337 outfalls at a cost of Rs.150 crore has commenced and will be completed by 2015. Plugging the remaining 158 outfalls at a cost of Rs.163 crore will commence during 2014-2015

✓ A major initiative will be undertaken during the coming financial year by launching the Cooum River Restoration Project. This is a massive project with a time line of five years to be implemented at a total cost of Rs.3,833.62 crore. This involves Rs.2,077.29 crore for relief and rehabilitation of affected families. The project will be executed through the Chennai River Restoration Trust as the nodal agency. A sum of Rs.500 crore has been provided in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015 for this project.

ENERGY

✓ Power Purchase Agreements for 3,330 MW have also been made for long term supply. 500 MW of power is being purchased through medium term Power Purchase Agreements.

✓ The Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation Limited (TANTRANSCO) is carrying out transmission projects at a cost of Rs.5,000 crore, with loan assistance of Rs.3,572 crore from the Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) in order to strengthen the transmission network, especially in Chennai City.

✓ Fifty Sub stations established at a cost of Rs.509.88 crore have been commissioned by our Hon'ble Chief Minister on 30.12.2013,

✓ Works are also in progress for the establishment of 400 KV substations, along with

associated 400 KV lines at Thappagundu, Anaikadavu and Rasipalayam to evacuate wind power at a total cost of Rs.1,192 crore.

✓ The establishment of a 400 KV substation at Tiruvalam with its associated transmission lines, has been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.1,000 crore.

✓ TANTRANSCO has proposed Green Energy Corridors for the evacuation of wind power with an outlay of Rs.1,593 crore, with financial assistance from KfW, the German Funding Agency.

✓ Rs.5,400 crore has been provided in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015 for tariff subsidy and Rs.2,000 crore as share capital assistance.

✓ Rs.2,000 crore of TANGEDCO's liabilities will be taken over by this Government during 2014-2015 and the balance will be taken over in the coming years.

HIGHWAYS

✓ The allocation under the Comprehensive Road Infrastructure Development Project (CRIDP) has been enhanced to Rs.2,800 crore in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015. It is proposed to take up 1500 km of State Highways for widening and 3500 km of roads for improvement during 2014-2015 under this project.

✓ Under the Railway Works Programme, out of 69 ongoing works for Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) and Railway Under Bridges (RUBs), 14 will be completed by March 2014 and works for the remaining are in various stages of progress. For the year 2014-2015, a sum of Rs.683.63 crore has been allocated for this programme.

✓ The first phase of the Oragadam Industrial Corridor Project with an outlay of Rs.462.42 crore is nearing completion. The second phase at a cost of Rs.86.65 crore will also be completed by September, 2015.

✓ Phase-I of the Chennai Outer Ring Road at a cost of Rs.1,081.40 crore, is nearing completion and will be put to public use very soon. The works for Phase-II of the project, costing Rs.1,075 crore, will commence from March 2014.

✓ The Chennai Peripheral Ring Road is another ambitious project envisioned by this Government. The Government proposes to

finance this project with loan assistance from JICA.

✓ In the Chennai Metropolitan Area, 17 projects involving bridge works, road works and Railway Over Bridges, costing Rs.2,000 crore, will be implemented with financial assistance from JICA.

✓ Roads for a length of 2,049 km have been identified for upgradation and improvements at a cost of Rs.9,061 crore through Phase-II of the Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project, with the assistance of the World Bank.

TRANSPORT

✓ This Government has envisioned a new Intelligent Transport System for Chennai City. The preliminary study and preparation of the Detailed Project Report for this technology intensive solution for a new Chennai City Transportation System will be taken up soon.

✓ This Government is now proposing to procure another 1,000 new buses for the year 2014-2015 at an estimated cost of Rs.200 crore under the JNNURM-II to replace the over aged vehicles.

✓ Rs.500 crore is being provided as diesel subsidy for the year 2014-2015.

✓ The Mono Rail project has been restructured to make it more viable. The bid process is in progress and Rs.200 crore has been provided for this purpose in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015

✓ An Integrated Public Bus Information System, with Global Positioning System (GPS) enabled real time bus tracking module, will be implemented. Under this scheme, all the Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) buses will be fitted with GPS units for tracking and networking with public bus stops. Initially, 500 bus stops will be networked to establish a public information system on route maps, bus arrival details and other amenities. This will be extended to all bus stops in the City in a phased manner.

INDUSTRIES

✓ From May 2011, Memoranda of Understanding have been signed for a total investment of Rs.26,625 crore, of which Rs.10,660 crore of actual investment has been

realized till date. This has created additional employment opportunity for 10,022 persons.

✓ The Government will host a Global Investors Meet in Chennai in October 2014, for which an outlay of Rs.100 crore has been provided in this Budget.

✓ A Special Purpose Vehicle will be formed soon to implement the Madurai-Thoothukudi Industrial Corridor for which the Detailed Project Report has already been prepared.

✓ In order to upgrade the skills of our youth, SIPCOT has created a Skill Development Centre at Oragadam in Kancheepuram District. Two more such Centres will be started at Gangaikondan in Tirunelveli District and Thervoikandigai in Tiruvallur District.

MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

✓ This Government has been adopting the 'Cluster Development Approach' as a key strategy and allocated Rs.50 crore towards financial assistance to the Entrepreneurs' Consortia for establishing new industrial estates and also for shifting their industrial units to geographically defined areas.

✓ An amount of Rs.100 crore will be provided for continuous implementation of The New Entrepreneur - Cum - Enterprise Development Scheme (NEEDS)

✓ As a new initiative to support clusters of micro industries, this Government proposes to launch a new scheme with a grant of 70 per cent, not exceeding an amount of Rs.2.5 crore to each cluster, to put up common production infrastructure, besides raw material bank and marketing infrastructure. Initially, a sum of Rs.25 crore will be allocated for the year 2014-2015 to develop 10 such clusters of micro industries.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

✓ Rs.100 crore will be provided for this Skill Development Mission in the year 2014-2015 also.

✓ The existing Government ITIs in the State will be upgraded, utilising the funds available with the Construction Worker's Welfare Board at a cost of Rs.50 crore to enable the students to acquire the latest skills.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

✓ As a major step to support young entrepreneurs, from 2014-2015 onwards, this Government will make available 10 per cent of space exclusively for Information Technology Incubation Centres as "warehouses for startups" in all Information Technology Parks developed by the Government.

HANDLOOMS AND TEXTILES

✓ The scheme for the distribution of free sarees and dhoties to support this sector will continue in 2014-2015 with an allocation of Rs.499.16 crore in the Budget Estimates.

✓ Further, Rs.78 crore has been provided as rebate to support handlooms and Rs.10 crore has been allocated to Khadi institutions.

✓ Rs.168 crore has been allotted for the construction of 10,000 Solar Powered Green Houses for weavers.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

✓ A sum of Rs.5,168.07 crore has been provided for devolution to Rural Local Bodies

✓ An allocation of Rs.1,260 crore has been provided in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015 for taking up another 60,000 houses.

✓ 1.06 lakh houses will be taken up under the Indira Awaas Yojana during 2014-2015, for which Rs.729.69 crore has been provided in the Budget Estimates as the State's share and additional roofing cost.

✓ Tamil Nadu Village Habitations Improvement (THAI) scheme will be continued with an allocation of Rs.750 crore in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015.

✓ 9,235 km of non BT roads will be taken up for upgradation to BT roads at a cost of Rs.2,308 crore by dovetailing funds from various schemes.

✓ So far, 60,000 street lights have been taken up for energisation with Solar Power at a cost of Rs.138.71 crore. A sum of Rs.46.58 crore has been allocated in the Budget Estimates 2014-15 for its continuance.

✓ The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme will be implemented with more focus on public asset

creation at a cost of Rs.6,000 crore during 2014-2015.

✓ An amount of Rs.100 crore has been earmarked under SFC grant for Rural Infrastructure Scheme (RIS) to stabilize assets created under MGNREGS.

✓ Under the Self Sufficiency Scheme, Rs.100 crore has been provided in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015.

✓ Member of Legislative Assembly Constituency Development Scheme (MLACDS) at a cost of Rs.470 crore, Rural Building Maintenance and Renovation Scheme (RBMRS) at a cost of Rs.100 crore and Comprehensive School Infrastructure Development Scheme (CSIDS) at a cost of Rs.100 crore will be continued by this Government during 2014-2015.

✓ Under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan, a sum of Rs.362.41 crore is proposed for the year 2014-2015.

✓ Rs.200 crore is also being provided in the 2014-2015 Budget Estimates for solid waste management in the villages.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

✓ Rs.3,734 crore is being provided as devolution grant to Urban Local Bodies.

✓ Rs.500 crore has been allocated for the Chennai Mega City Development Mission and the Integrated Urban Development Mission has been allocated Rs.750 crore.

✓ Sanction has been given for underground sewerage systems in Trichy Corporation, 21 Municipalities and 29 Town Panchayats at a cost of Rs.2,433.79 crore, works for which will commence during 2014-2015.

✓ This Government is proposing a new infrastructure project, namely, the Tamil Nadu Sustainable Urban Development Project with the aid of the same funding agency. The total project size would be Rs.3,600 crore with Rs.2,400 crore as loan component.

✓ Rs.818.74 crore has been allocated for the infrastructure projects undertaken under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission.

✓ A sum of Rs.133 crore has been allocated for this Fund.

✓ Rs.72.60 crore will be provided for realizing the vision of becoming an open defecation free State.

✓ 273 road works to a length of 388 km, 105 storm water drain works to a length of 124.96 km and 29 bridges will be taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.150 crore under NABARD-RIDF scheme.

WATER SUPPLY

✓ During 2014-2015, this Government proposes to provide protected drinking water supply to 6,000 rural habitations using the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) and State funds to the extent of Rs.1,500 crore.

✓ Rs.186.35 crore has been provided for the Minimum Needs Programme in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015.

✓ Rs.700 crore has been provided as the State's share for the National Rural Drinking Water Programme.

✓ Rs.745.67 crore has been allocated for major Combined Water Supply Schemes in Madurai, Virudhunagar, Sivagangai, Nagapattinam, Vellore, Salem, Tiruppur, Coimbatore, Cuddalore, Pudukottai and Thanjavur Districts.

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

✓ The Tamil Nadu Housing Board will construct 1,747 housing units at a cost of Rs.197.10 crore during 2014-2015 at various places like Chennai, Vellore, Villupuram, Salem, Erode, Coimbatore, Hosur, Madurai, Trichy, Thanjavur and Tirunelveli.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

✓ Phenomenal increase in the health budget from Rs.4,395.30 crore in 2010-2011 to Rs.7,005.02 crore in 2014-2015.

✓ This Government has decided to establish 118 new Primary Health Centres at a cost of Rs.100.44 crore and upgrade 64 Primary Health Centres as 30 bedded hospitals at a cost of Rs.76.13 crore.

✓ 20 new Urban Primary Health Centres will be established and the existing 100 Urban Health

Centres will be strengthened in Chennai Corporation.

✓ In the other nine Corporations and 77 Municipalities, 37 new Urban Primary Health Centres will be established, besides strengthening the existing 243 Urban Primary Health Centres.

✓ Two teams per block, i.e. a total of 770 Mobile Health Teams, with a doctor, a staff nurse and a pharmacist will be constituted.

✓ One District Early Intervention Centre (DEIC) per District, in 31 Districts, will be located in the Government Medical College Hospitals and District Headquarters Hospitals where there is no Government Medical College Hospital, to provide referral support to children detected with critical health conditions.

✓ Schemes under the National Health Mission will be implemented with an outlay of around Rs.1,400 crore in 2014-2015.

✓ 15 District Headquarters Hospitals are being upgraded to the standards of Medical College Hospitals. This will be done by adding posts of 351 doctors and 918 other posts in these institutions. In addition, equipment and buildings worth Rs.78 crore will also be provided.

✓ The Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme is a model for other States to emulate. A sum of Rs.757.5 crore has been allocated for this programme

✓ Rs.716.77 crore has been allocated for the Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme the Budget Estimates.

✓ This Government will establish two more Super Speciality Hospitals with modern trauma care centres in the Medical College Hospitals of Thanjavur and Tirunelveli at a total cost of Rs.300 crore.

✓ A speciality tower block will be constructed at the Government Stanley Hospital, Chennai, at a cost of Rs.75 crore. The Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Children, Egmore, will be strengthened by providing modern equipment at a cost of Rs.14 crore.

✓ With the assistance of Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA), a new outpatient facility will be constructed at this hospital at a cost of Rs.91 crore.

SCHOOL EDUCATION

✓ Rs.17,731.71 crore has been allocated to the School Education Department

✓ Under the NABARD scheme, Rs.250 crore has been earmarked during 2014-2015 for meeting the infrastructure needs of schools.

✓ Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, an amount of Rs.700 crore will be provided as the State's share for 2014-2015.

✓ Under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, Rs.384.90 crore has been allocated as the State's share in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015.

✓ The Government has made a total allocation of Rs.1,631.53 crore for the following schemes in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015.

i. Rs.264.35 crore for the supply of text books to 111.29 lakh students.

ii. Rs.106.45 crore for the supply of note books to 77.66 lakh students.

iii. Rs.323 crore for free bus passes to cover 20.57 lakh students.

iv. Rs.409.30 crore to supply 4 sets of uniform covering 46.29 lakh students.

v. Rs.120.71 crore to supply school bags for 90.78 lakh students.

vi. Rs.120.07 crore for supplying footwear to 77.66 lakh students.

vii. Rs.6.77 crore for supplying geometry boxes, atlases, etc. to 9.39 lakh students.

viii. Rs.6.49 crore for supplying colour pencils and crayons to 31.45 lakh students.

ix. Rs.216.04 crore for the supply of bicycles to 6.30 lakh students.

x. Supply of woollen sweaters to 1.03 lakh children in hilly areas at a cost of Rs.3.71 crore.

xi. Supply of Sanitary Napkins to 36.07 lakh girl children at a cost of Rs.54.63 crore.

✓ 5.5 lakh laptop computers will be provided to Plus Two students and students in polytechnic colleges at a cost of Rs.1,100 crore.

✓ Rs.381 crore has been allocated for the special incentive given for reducing dropout amongst students studying in classes X, XI and XII in Government and Government aided schools this scheme.

HIGHER EDUCATION

✓ This Government is providing Rs.979.32 crore for the year 2014-2015 as assistance to various Universities in the State.

✓ Rs.3,627.93 crore has been provided in the Budget Estimates for the Higher Education Department.

✓ Rs.585.17 crore has been provided for the scheme to reimburse tuition fees to first generation students pursuing graduation

SPORTS AND YOUTH WELFARE

✓ In the past three years, this Government has sanctioned Rs.380.77 crore for the development of sports and sports related activities. In the coming financial year also, Rs.146.64 crore has been allocated in the Budget Estimates.

TOURISM

✓ The allocation for the Tourism Department has been increased from Rs.136.10 crore in the Revised Estimates 2013-2014 to Rs.178.51 crore in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015.

✓ This Government has launched an innovative marketing campaign namely 'Destination Tamil Nadu 2014'.

✓ Under the Asian Development Bank funded Infrastructure Investment Programme project, Rs.55.53 crore is being provided

SOCIAL WELFARE

✓ Rs.751.09 crore has been allocated for various marriage assistance schemes, out of which Rs.204 crore has been apportioned for gold coins for making the Thirumangalyam and Rs.547.09 crore for cash assistance.

✓ Rs.105 crore has been allocated for the Girl Child Protection Scheme.

✓ The total number of beneficiaries under the various social security schemes, including the Chief Minister's Uzhavar Padhukappu Thittam, has gone up from 23.71 lakhs in 2010-2011 to 36.41 lakhs as on 31.12.2013.

✓ Allocation under these schemes has also been substantially increased to Rs.4,200 crore in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015.

✓ An amount of Rs.2,000 crore has been allocated for the distribution of fans, mixies and grinders free of cost during 2014-2015 and we will cover 35 lakh more families.

✓ For the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme, this Government has allocated Rs.1,475.42 crore.

✓ This Government will cover all the remaining 36,233 noon meal centres with gas connection or steam cooking system with briquettes in feasible places at a cost of Rs.83 crore during 2014-2015.

✓ The allocation for PTMGR Nutritious Noon Meal Programme will be Rs.1,412.88 crore.

✓ 14 more Working Women Hostels will be established in needy places at a cost of Rs.17.50 crore.

ADI-DRAVIDAR AND TRIBAL WELFARE

✓ Under the State Annual Plan, Rs.7,603 crore has been provided for Scheduled Caste Sub Plan, which constitutes 18.02 per cent of the plan allocation.

✓ Rs.55.11 crore has been provided in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015 for the scheme to increase the enrolment rate and to reduce the dropout rates of girl students.

✓ Rs.55.92 crore is provided for the pre-matric scholarship and Rs.676 crore is provided for post-matric scholarship.

✓ Rs.20 crore is being provided as share capital support to TAHDCO.

✓ Rs.130 crore is proposed under Special Central Assistance (SCA).

✓ A sum of Rs.435.55 crore has been allocated under the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes being implemented through 17 Departments. This constitutes 1.03 per cent of the Plan allocation.

✓ Rs.50 crore has been provided for the Comprehensive Tribal Development Programme and Rs.10 crore will be earmarked to upgrade the hostel facilities including Government Tribal Residential (GTR) schools.

✓ 27 hostels will be taken up for construction during 2014-2015. Rs.107.25 crore

has been provided for hostel maintenance and food charges.

WELFARE OF BACKWARD CLASSES, MOST BACKWARD CLASSES AND DENOTIFIED COMMUNITIES

✓ Rs.236.32 crore has been allocated for scholarship schemes.

✓ Rs.85.83 crore will be provided for hostel maintenance and food charges.

✓ Ten new college hostels will be established at a cost of Rs.2.80 crore.

✓ Additional dormitories will be constructed at a cost of Rs.4.5 crore for ten existing college hostels.

✓ New buildings will be constructed for ten existing college hostels at a cost of Rs.16 crore during 2014-2015.

WELFARE OF MINORITIES

✓ Rs.72.39 crore has been provided for the various scholarship schemes.

✓ Rs.93.84 crore has been provided for the welfare of minorities.

LABOUR WELFARE

✓ So far, 8,19,579 workers have been registered in the Unorganized Workers Welfare Boards.

✓ Welfare assistance under various heads to the extent of Rs.284.45 crore has been disbursed to 12,07,731 beneficiaries in the last three years.

WELFARE OF POTTERS

✓ Considering the fact that making pots during the rainy season is difficult, this Government has decided to sanction a maintenance allowance of Rs.4,000/- during the rainy season to the potters, who are engaged in pot making as their main livelihood support. This will cost the State Rs.4.50 crore per annum.

WELFARE OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED

✓ Rs.284.29 crore has been provided in the Budget Estimates for the welfare of the differently abled.

✓ Our State has received the National Award for 2013 for being the best performing State in empowering differently abled persons.

✓ From the next financial year, monthly maintenance allowance for severely disabled persons, mentally challenged persons and persons affected with muscular dystrophy will be enhanced to Rs.1,500 per month.

ADVOCATES WELFARE

✓ The financial assistance to the legal heirs of deceased advocates has been substantially enhanced by our Hon'ble Chief Minister from Rs.2.00 lakhs to Rs.5.25 lakhs from 2012.

✓ Rs.8 crore has been provided as a grant to the Tamil Nadu Advocates Welfare Fund by this Government so far.

WELFARE OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

✓ Since 2012, nearly 69,130 employees have availed of treatment to the extent of Rs.287.72 crore for various ailments under the New Health Insurance Scheme.

WELFARE OF PENSIONERS

✓ The bid process for selecting the insurance company for new Health Insurance Scheme on the lines of the Government Employees Health Insurance Scheme is underway and soon this scheme will be launched.

✓ Rs.16,021 crore is being provided in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015 for pensionary benefits.

RESOURCES FOR FINANCING THE BUDGET

✓ The modified target for the commercial taxes has now been fixed to Rs.61,891.74 crore in the Revised Estimates 2013-2014. For the coming financial year with a growth of 11.04 per cent the commercial taxes have been estimated to contribute Rs.68,724.06 crore.

✓ The original estimate of Rs.14,469.87 crore has been revised to Rs.5,868.65 crore in the Revised Estimates 2013-2014 and assuming 10.47 per cent growth, the estimated revenue in 2014-2015 will be Rs.6,483.04 crore.

✓ The estimates for the revenue from registration and stamp duty is Rs.652.24 crore in the Revised Estimates 2013-2014 and Rs.10,470.18 in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015 crore, assuming a growth of 13.54 per cent.

✓ The Motor Vehicle Taxes are also estimated to grow by 12.31 per cent and receipts under this tax in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015 is estimated to be Rs.5,147.14 crore.

✓ With an overall growth of 10.16 per cent over the Revised Estimates 2013-2014, the SOTR is projected to be Rs.91,835.35 crore for the year 2014-2015.

✓ A sum of Rs.8,083.98 crore is projected under Non-Tax Revenue for the year 2014-2015.

✓ In the Budget Estimates for 2014-2015, for the State's share in Central Taxes a growth of 15.34 per cent has been assumed and thus the receipts are fixed at Rs.19,014.23 crore.

✓ The State hopes to receive Rs.9,101.95 crore as Grants-in-Aid from the Government of India including the arrears of grants. During 2014-2015, the Grants-in-Aid are expected to be Rs.8,456.27 crore.

FISCAL INDICATORS

✓ In 2012-2013, this Government ensured a revenue surplus of Rs.1,760.27 crore and contained the fiscal deficit to Rs.16,518.98 crore which was 2.39 per cent of the GSDP.

✓ In the Revised Estimates 2013-2014, the revenue surplus is estimated to be Rs.244.27 crore. The fiscal deficit is also estimated to be Rs.21,642.83 crore which is 2.68 per cent of GSDP.

✓ The State is projecting a Revenue Surplus of Rs.289.36 crore and Fiscal Deficit of Rs.25,714.31 crore for the year 2014-2015. The Fiscal Deficit will be 2.73 per cent of the GSDP.

✓ The Capital Expenditure is expected to grow by 18.80 per cent in the coming financial year and the Capital Expenditure has been estimated to be Rs.26,003.67 crore in the Budget Estimates 2014-2015.

✓ For the year 2014-2015, the net borrowing has been estimated to be Rs.25,000.22

✓ The overall debt to GSDP ratio for the year 2014-2015 will be 18.91 per cent as against the permissible limit of 25.2 per cent under TNFR Act, 2003.

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